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Governor Togiola and National Park Service announce framework for American Samoa

(OAKLAND CA) - Governor Togiola Tulafono, National Park Service (NPS) Regional Director Jonathan B. Jarvis, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior Papali'itele David B. Cohen committed Friday, June 23, 2006, to a framework that will lead to a formal park and recreation statute for the American Samoa Government and a resolution of a dispute concerning a proposed McDonald's Restaurant at Utulei Beach Park in Pago Pago.

"This end result will mean more land is protected in perpetuity for the recreational benefit of the American Samoa people," said Jarvis in a joint press release.

Governor Togiola will soon propose replacement recreational lands to the NPS that would replace the portion of Utulei Beach Park that is the proposed site of a new McDonald's Restaurant.

The Governor expects to propose more than one parcel, and the proposal will include descriptions of how each parcel will be used for outdoor recreational purposes. Once Governor Togiola has identified parcels, which is expected to occur very soon, the NPS will analyze the suitability of the lands for outdoor recreation to determine whether they meet the reasonably equivalent recreational and usefulness and location standard. Governor Togiola must then conduct appraisals of the proposed parcels. The appraisals must meet at least equal to fair market value.

At the same time, Governor Togiola will submit landmark legislation to the Fono that will protect Utulei Beach Park and the replacement parcels in perpetuity as park lands for the enjoyment of the Samoan people. The Governor's proposed legislation would also seek to provide similar protection for other park and recreation lands owned by the American Samoa Government.

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10th Pacific Arts Festival Board of Directors will hold Kick-Off ceremony

By Lauti Simona, Executive Director

American Samoa will be the proud Host of the 10th Pacific Arts Festival in 2008. The Festival began in 1972 with Fiji as the hosting country, and since then, nine other Pacific countries have hosted the Pacific Arts Festival. "This Festival has proven to be a major cultural, technical, and economic challenge for the host country and presents a tremendous opportunity for exposure of local products, social and cultural interchange, and enhancement of the local tourism industry," reported the Governor's Task Force established in General Memorandum 074-2005.

The Board of Directors of the 10th Pacific Arts Festival will hold their kickoff ceremony to mark the beginning of the Territory's preparations for the Pacific Arts Festival in 2008. The kickoff will be held at the Lee Auditorium and Sports Complex on July 07, 2006 starting at 8:00 a.m. with a small handicraft exhibit, a brief opening and ava ceremony, followed by refreshments consisting of traditional samoan foods.

As the Executive Director of the 10th Pacific Arts Festival Task Force/Board of Directors, I would like to acknowledge the assistance and participation, with gratitude, given by the private and public sector alike. The Board of Directors looks forward to extending a warm greeting of alofa and hospitable fa'asamoa spirit, on behalf of American Samoa to Ms. Rhonda Griffiths, Cultural Affairs Advisor, SPC and the National Endowment of the Arts Representative, who will be in attendance.

I would also like to acknowledge and apologize to all the participants of the 10th Pacific Arts Festival "Theme Contest" for their time and efforts, but unfortunately, due to time constraints, an alternate theme was chosen and used by the Board.

ASG RADIO PROGRAM

With: Governor Togiola Tulafono
Saturdays @ 7a.m.

On: Showers of Blessings-FM 104.7
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HISTORICAL NOTES

By: Stan Sorensen, Historian, Office of the Governor

On June 21, 1888, Joseph, Florence and Jasher Dean "were warmly welcomed" to the Latter-Day Saints mission on Aunu'u by Samuel Manoa and his wife Fa'asopo.

On June 21, 1900, the American flag was raised at Leone, Tutuila, and Naval Station Commandant Benjamin F. Tilley wrote that "the natives of Leone have been very anxious to have a flag and show great interest in the new government."

On June 21, 1941, construction of an antisubmarine net across Pago Pago Harbor was begun.

On June 21, 1943, the U.S. Navy Seabees' "Second Construction Battalion boarded the U.S.S. Couch and departed from Uvea, Wallis Islands at 1700" for duty in American Samoa.

On June 22, 1911, on Tutuila, the U.S. Government purchased "Parcel No. 52: Lighthouse Site, Steps Point," 5.11 acres, from "Faumuina" for \$300.00."

On June 22, 1914, at the U.S. Naval Station Tutuila, "a communication dated May 26, 1914, allotting \$2100.00 was received. From June 23, 1914 to June 30, 1914, 74 signals were erected. The quantity of work accomplished between these dates was enormous, and was done under most trying conditions of weather and topography, as will be shown in the monthly report of progress made by the officer in charge, Lieutenant Beall, U.S. Navy."

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On June 23, 1943, the U.S. Navy Seabees' Second Construction Battalion arrived in American Samoa from Uvea, Wallis Islands aboard USS *Couch*.

On June 23, 1954, German-born American sailor William Willis, age 61, set sail from Callao, Peru for Australia via Samoa, aboard his balsa log raft *The Seven Little Sisters*. (The name referred to the seven logs). He was accompanied by his parrot "Eekie" and his cat "Meekie."

On June 24, 1904, the Commandant of the U.S. Naval Station Tutuila, Commander Edmund Beardsley Underwood, issued his "Regulation No. 3-1904: Riding and Driving." This edict was subsequently amended by Governor Henry Francis Bryan on February 6, 1926 and June 20, 1927, and by Governor Stephen Victor Graham on January 1, 1929.

On June 24, 1943, construction of the U.S. Navy's *Alaska*-class battlecruiser USS *Samoa* (CB-6), and her sister ships USS *Philippines* (CB-4) and USS *Puerto Rico* (CB-5) was cancelled at the New York Shipbuilding Yard. (Please see the entry for December 17, 1941).

On June 25, 1888, Latter-Day Saints missionaries Joseph and Florence Dean, baptized the first Samoan Mormon convert, Malaia, on Aunu'u.

On June 27, 1902, Captain Uriel Sebree, Commandant, U.S. Naval Station Tutuila, issued an order requiring that the masters of all cargo vessels leaving American Samoa for "ports of the United States or its insular possessions be required to declare a manifest of all cargoes taken on board at the port of Pago Pago for such ports."

On June 27, 2001, American Samoa Governor, Tauese P.F. Sunia, as Guest Speaker at the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Ofu and Olosega Village Rural Road Projects, praised the Department of Public Works and the U.S. Federal Highway Administration for their efforts in getting the projects underway.

Governor Togiola attends Pacific Basin Development Council meeting in Lana'i City

(LANA'I CITY) - Governor Togiola Tulafono attended the annual summer Pacific Basin Development Council (PBDC) meeting held this year in Lana'i City, Hawaii, on June 20-21. The focus of the meeting was on Homeland Security Priorities and a review of progress in pending regional initiatives.

In conjunction with the Board meeting was a technical seminar on intelligence and information sharing. This year a representative from Alaska's Homeland Security Program joined discussion of common non-contiguous area issues. One of the new priorities under consideration is maritime security for the Pacific.

Public Notice

In accordance with the ASCA 16.2002 and rule codified in sections 13.02002 and 13.0203 and 4.1005 (Rule #02-2006), the American Samoa Board of Higher Education and the American Samoa Community College wishes to inform the public that beginning the Fall term of 2006, the tuition flat rate currently charged to students will be eliminated.

The policy in the ASCC Catalog 2004-2006 (Pg. 64) would be amended as follows:

Tuition at the American Samoa Community College is \$45 per credit hour for residents and \$60 for per credit hour for non-resident students.

Interested persons may obtain information about tuition rates at the ASCC Office of the President from May 30th, 2006 to June 30th, 2006 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on regular workdays. The phone number is 699.8886 or 699.9155 ext. 350.

Also, written comments about these tuition rates can be submitted by facsimile to Dr. Adele Satele-Galea'i at 699.6259, email at p.morris@ascc.as, or by mail at American Samoa Community College, PO Box 2609, American Samoa 96799. The deadline for submission is 30 days of this notice.

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Deadline for submissions is Thursday @ noon.

Governor Togiola expresses regret on the passing of Senator Ma'o Tima Jr.

(UTULEI) – Governor Togiola Tulafono expressed regret on the passing of Senator Ma'o Tima Jr. on Monday, June 26th in California.

The following is the official statement from Governor Togiola on the passing of Senator Ma'o Tima Jr.:

I wish to express my deepest and sincerest regret in hearing of the passing of Senator Ma'o Tima Jr., member of the American Samoa Senate, in California today. The prayers of all Tutuila and Manu'a go out to his family.

In Senator Ma'o, the Territory has lost one of its finest and most outstanding public servants. The Good Senator's service as a public official is marked with distinction and leadership. His dedication led him to serve his constituency, the citizens of Manu'a, with conviction and passion. He served tirelessly and consistently in his unabashed devotion to the concerns of all of American Samoa.

The Senate and the American Samoa Legislature has lost an honored and respected colleague and fine statesman.

On behalf of the people and government of American Samoa, Mary and I extend our heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies to Mrs. Marie Ma'o, to his children, and to the Ma'o family.

The Spirit of Recovery Summit

Representatives from the Territorial Emergency Management Coordinating Office (TEMCO) and Department of Public Safety (DPS) recently returned from an all-hazards behavioral health preparedness and response conference, held in New Orleans, Louisiana, entitled the Spirit of Recovery Summit. The team leader for the group was the TEMCO Deputy Director, Evelyn Stevens, and participating members included Marisa Ta'amu, Program Planner; Genesis Sunia, Program Coordinator; and DPS IT Specialist, Fred Scanlan.

Building on the lessons of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma, the summit focused on enhancing disaster preparedness and response to assist survivors. The sessions included testimonies from victim trying to recover and surviving on what's left from Katrina. The various workshops reiterated the message of disaster preparedness and educational outreach. Lessons learned from the previous disasters and current planning strategies for future catastrophic events including the critical components of both the emergency response phase and the recovery response phase were the keynote address by Mr. Charles Curie, Administrator for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

The highlight of the summit was the tour of the areas in New Orleans largely affected by the recent disasters. "There is still so much debris on the roadsides and the demolished homes remain untouched in most of these areas," Evelyn stated. "The St. Bernard Parish was one of the hardest impacted towns and the group got a little emotional when we stepped out of the vehicle and walked around", Marisa added. According to the group, it will take many years for New Orleans to recover from the Katrina devastation.

Overall, the summit provided an opportunity for American Samoa to learn lessons from Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma to continue to build and enhance the emergency management system for the Territory.

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"I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to Jon Jarvis in opening this dialogue and to Papali'itele David Cohen in facilitating this meaningful discussion to arrive at a framework to guide us to a mutually beneficial resolution," said Governor Togiola.

"This process will take several more months to accomplish," Jarvis said. "In the end, the NPS wants the people of American Samoa to be the beneficiaries of more protected land for recreational opportunities, including key features of Utulei Beach Park. This framework will also further the goals of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which provides federal grant money to states and territories to develop outdoor recreation areas."

"I am going to pursue a broad spectrum of land throughout the islands for the first park authority for the people of American Samoa, including that of Utulei Beach Park," said Governor Togiola.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



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Phone No: (684) 644-2772

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Division: Business & Finance Branch

Posting Date: June 26, 2006

Deadline: July 12, 2006

Position Title: Customer Service Manager

Job Grade: CG-20

Position Type: Career Service

Compensation Range: \$18.65 to \$26.54

Reports To: Business & Finance Manager or Chief Financial Officer

Major Responsibilities:

Responsible for supervising meter readers, Customer Service Representatives, and clerks assigned to Customer Service Oversee and manage daily cash collections and customer service operations; Supervise customer billing, service order requests, and meter reading activities; Promote customers service through public announcements and disseminated literature as the need arises; Prepare monthly statistical reports representing customer service activities, collections, and operational data; Coordinate ASPA customer service with local banks; Create additional services to enhance customer care; Administer and identify training needs for customer service staff. Evaluate operations and staff performance on an ongoing basis; Train customer service staff; Deal with normal problems of the daily operations; Perform other related duties as assigned by the Chief Finance Officer,

Minimum Requirements & Qualifications:

Education: Bachelors Degree in Business Administration. Years of progressively responsible work experience may be substituted for portion of the academic requirement.

Experience: 5 years of successful managerial & finance experience.

Skills & Abilities: Well-versed in Microsoft Office, Articulate in both English & Samoan, strong human relation skills.

Division: Business & Finance Branch

Posting Date: June 26, 2006

Deadline: July 12, 2006

Position Title: HR Manager

Job Grade: CG-20

Position Type: Career Service

Compensation Range: \$18.65 to \$26.54

Reports To: Business & Finance Manager or Chief Financial Officer

Major Responsibilities:

Plan, direct, manage and implement human resources programs, policies, and procedures. Review and oversee all human resources process from recruitment, selection, training and development, performance management and compensation and benefits. Also oversee the maintenance and retainage of about 400 employees, benefit programs, medical supplement program, evaluation and reclassification, compensation, organization structure review, personnel hearing and disciplinary actions, drug testing, training, human resources professionals. Plan and accomplish HR goals. Plan, direct and carry out policies relating to all phases of personnel Activity. Recruit, interview, and selects employees to fill vacant positions. Plans and conducts new employee orientation to foster positive attitude toward ASPA company goals. Maintain, protect, secure all personnel records including NRECA life of insurance coverage, ESIP program, pension plans, and personnel transactions, such as hires, promotions, transfers, and terminations. Supervise and Investigate accidents and prepare reports for insurance carriers and accident compensation. Conduct wage survey within labor market to determine competitive wage rate. Prepares budget of personnel operations. Oversees human resource studies or independent consultant for specialize analysis. Perform other related duties as assigned by the Chief Financial Officer, or his designee.

Minimum Requirements & Qualifications:

Education: Bachelor's degree in human resource field or a related area and had at least five (5) years of experience in Human Resources. Years of progressively responsible work experience may be substituted for portion of the academic requirement

Experience: 5 years of successful managerial & human relations experience

Skills: Well-versed in Microsoft Office, Articulate in both English & Samoan, strong human relation skills; Must be familiar with internet business models and technologies. Must work well with co-workers, supervisors and other divisions, and also with the general public pertaining to work/human related issues. Must be motivated, a self starter, thorough and honest.

Division: Business & Finance Branch

Posting Date: June 26, 2006

Deadline: July 12, 2006

Position Title: Procurement Manager

Job Grade: CG-20

Position Type: Career Service

Compensation Range: \$18.65 to \$26.54

Reports To: Business & Finance Manager or Chief Financial Officer

Major Responsibilities:

Plan, direct and manage ASPA's centralized procurement activities; Develop, review, approve new administrative, purchasing procedures to ensure financial viability and efficiency of operation; analyze and maintain up-to-date knowledge of market trends, pricing availability, capacity, technology and supplier capability relative to products and parts; plan, organize and supervise the daily operation of contracts and leases ensuring they are prepared in accordance with applicable laws, codes, and policies; approve purchase, orders, contracts, change orders, addendums compose requests for and present recommendation on purchase requiring CEO, Chairman and Board approval. Maintain liaison with managers and purchasing representatives/agency; solicit bids, proposals, quotations, source/select the vendor/supplier to purchase from; Apply changes in existing policy and procedures. Work with the Legal Counsel. Perform other related duties as assigned by the CFO or his designee.

Minimum Requirements & Qualifications

Education: Bachelors Degree in Business Administration. Years of progressively responsible work experience may be substituted for portion of the academic requirement.

Experience: Five (5) years of related work experience in procurement & contract management. Ten (10) years of related experience. Can be substituted in lieu of the minimum educational requirement; Four (4) years of managerial/supervisory experience.

Skills & Abilities: Must be computer literate and competent in using standard office software; be highly organized with the ability to manage multiple demands and deliver results on time and within budget; have good negotiating skills; excellent verbal and written communication skills.

Qualified Applicants must complete an ASPA employment application (no phone inquiries accepted) and forward to:
Human Resources Division, American Samoa Power Authority, P.O. Box PPB, Satala, Pago Pago, AS 96799

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